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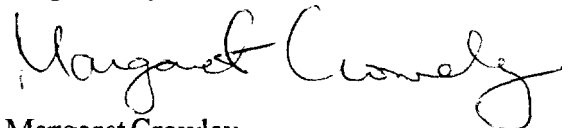
Dear Commissioner:

After reading several articles on the "pros" and "cons" of genetically engineered foods, as a consumer, I would like to plead--no, **demand-that** these products be **labelled** as such so I **can** make the informed choice in my shopping cart. It is intolerable to me as a mother of four children that the profits of conglomerates such as Monsanto be placed ahead of my children's lives, For that is precisely the issue. As the head of a governmental agency whose purpose (or so I thought) is to **protect the consumer**, I feel it is your duty to require that **all genetically engineered foods be labelled. I** can choose to purchase, or rather NOT purchase, foods which contain artificial colors, flavors and other chemical ingredients that I wish to avoid. The FDA does not offer me this choice in produce, meats and numerous other products which use genetically engineered ingredients.

For many years, I have bought organic products (when available) as much to support the farmers as **to** provide my family with an **often superior** product. **Now**, I feel **as if I must** buy these products because it is the only way to ensure the health of my family. With the advent of rBGH, Roundup Ready and "Terminator" gene crops, I see a dismal future indeed for our children. When so many other countries have banned the use of these products, how can the United States condone their use? The answer is obvious: Monsanto and similar manufacturers are large and **powerful** American companies. Sadly, this great country is becoming a country not for the people, but for the corporation. What would our forefathers have thought about that?

I demand that equal consideration be given to **my** needs and **my** rights as a consumer: if you **refuse** to outlaw genetically y engineered products altogether, at least grant me the respect as an informed consumer to make an informed choice.

Respectfully,



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